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1. IN SPEECH TO INTEGRATED BAR ASSOCIATION MORNING MAY
20, PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED THAT JUST BEFORE SPEAKING
HE HAD A CALL FROM ROME. HE WAS TOLD KARIM GAYE HAD ISSUED
STATEMENT ACCUSING GOP OF A) HAVING NO DESIRE TO SOLVE
MINDANAO QUESTION B) USING NEGOTIATIONS AS COVER TO PREPARE
FOR A FULL SCALE ATTACK ON MUSLIM IN SOUTH AND C) CONTINU-
ING TO DEPRIVE MUSLIMS OF THEIR RIGHTS. MARCOS SAID GAYE
CHARGES "SHOCK ALL OF US." PRESIDENT THEN GAVE DETAILED
ANALYSIS OF PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS SINCE DECEMBER. HE
CLAIMED REFERENDUM HAD BEEN HELD AT INSISTANCE OF LIBYAN
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FONMIN TREKKI AND WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRIPOLI AGREE-
MENT. PRESIDENT REITERATED HIS GRATITUDE TO QUADHAFI FOR
HIS MODERATE STATEMENT AT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE AS WELL AS
HIS EFFORTS TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEM. IGNORING GAYE STATE-
MENT, MARCOS SAID GOP WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT MARCOS
QUADHAFI AGREEMENT SINCE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE NOT PARTY TO
AGREEMENT MERELY OBSERVERS. MARCOS THEN ANNOUNCED PLANS

FOR RESTRUCTURING OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE
TAUSUNG CO-CHAIRMAN (GOVERNOR MUS IZQUIERDO OF SULU). HE
SAID ELECTIONS IN AREA WILL BE HELD AND DIRECTED BUDGET
DIRECT TO COME UP WITH MORE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTED
IN SOUTH.

2. MARCOS SPEECH COMES DAY AFTER MILITARY COUNCIL HEARD
REPORT FROM GOP MISSION NOW IN ROME ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES OVER
LAST FEW DAYS. THEIR MESSAGE WAS THAT MNLF DEMANDING
COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE WHICH TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. ON MAY
20, MILITARY COUNCIL MEETING STORY RAN SIDE BY SIDE WITH
UPI ACCOUNT DATED CAIRO THAT ROMULO HAD SECRETLY VISITED
TRIPOLI. ASKED TO CONFIRM THIS, PRESIDENT SAID HE COULD NOT
BUT THAT SINCE FONSECA NOT INVITED HE DOUBTED HE HAD GONE
TO TRIPOLI. FYI ROMULO'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT TOLD EMBOFF
MAY 20 UPI REPORT ERRONEOUS AND THAT ROMULO HAD NOT MADE
LIBYAN TRIP. END FYI.

3. COMMENT: MARCOS IS MAINTAINING CAUTIOUS AND MODERATE
STANCE AND NOT CUTTING LINK WITH QUADHAFI DESPITE WHAT
HE MUST CONSIDER TO BE GAYE'S PROVOCATIONS, ALTHOUGH LATTER'S
LATEST CHARGES SOUND IDENTICAL TO THOSE HE MADE ON LEAVING MANILA
MAY 1 (REF C). PRESUMABLY MARCOS HOPES THIS POSTURE COUPLED WITH
NUR'S TRUCULENCE (REFTEL B) AND INDONESIAN LOBBYING COULD
MOTIVATE CONFERENCE TO TONE DOWN FINAL COMMUNIQUE'S LANGUAGE
ON SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. LAWYERS WHO HEARD MARCOS THIS MORNING
LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT THERE NO APPLAUSE. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF
THEY APPRECIATED GOP NEARLY BACK TO SQUARE ONE.
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